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Sir:

The above-mentioned new patent application was filed on December 21, 2001 without a signed oath or declaration, under the provision of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f).

In accordance with the above-mentioned rule, the signed declaration was forwarded to the Patent Office with a mailing certificate, the surcharge, and Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 (c) on February 8, 2002.

Counsel has now received two Notices to File Missing Parts of Application, dated January 18, 2002. However, as mentioned above, the original signed declaration has already been filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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